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TURKEY

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SUMMARY: IN INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE 9 JUNE 1975 TURKISH REP ASKED
WHETHER US EMBARGO WOULD AFFECT NICS PROGRAM DELIVERIES TO TURKEY AS
IT HAS OTHER DELIVERIES. WE BELIEVE IT SHOULD NOT, SINCE CONTRACTS
WITH AND DELIVERIES TO A NATO AGENT, NICSMA, WOULD BE OUTSIDE THE
SCOPE OF MUNITIONS LIST PROHIBITIONS. REQUEST WASHINGTON VIEWS. END
SUMMARY.

1. IN THE INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE 9 JUNE 75 THE TURKISH REP
(YAKIS) SAID THAT HIS AUTHORITIES WERE CONCERNED ABOUT THE POSSIBLE
EFFECT ON NICS CONTRACTS OF THE US EMBARGO ON DELIVERIES TO
TURKEY. HE SAID THAT THE EMBARGO HAD CAUSED SOME QUOTE DELAYS
UNQUOTE ON PAST DELIVERIES AND HE WONDERED WHETHER US REP (CAMPBELL)
COULD SHED ANY LIGHT ON THE MATTER.

2. US REP OBSERVED THAT THE QUESTION WAS A USEFUL ONE AND
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THAT HE WOULD SEEK INFORMATION FROM HIS AUTHORITIES. HE ADDED
THAT IN ANY CASE THE USG WOULD TAKE ALL POSSIBLE STEPS TO ENSURE
THAT US CONTRACTORS WULD NOT UNDERTAKE COMMITMENS WHICH THEY COULD
NOT HONOR BECAUSE OF THE PRESENT EMBARGO.

3. WASHINGTON ADVISED US BY REF A THAT MUNITIONS LIST EQUIPMENT FOR INFRASTRUCTURE ACCOUNT, EVEN THOUGH JOINTLY FUNDED WITH OUR ALLIES, COULD NOT BE DELIVERED TO TURKEY FUNCTIONING AS A HOST COUNTRY. IN OUR VIEW, THE NICS SITUATION IS DIFFERENT IN ONE SIGNIFICANT REGARD, THAT THE CONTRACTING AND PURCHASING AGENT IS NOT A HOST COUNTRY PER SE BUT THE NICS MANAGEMENT AGENCY PHYSICALLY LOCATED IN BELGIUM. AS WE SEE IT, THEREFORE, CONTRACTS WITH AND DELIVERIES TO NICSMA AS THE AGENT FOR NATO ARE OUTSIDE THE SCOPE OF MUNITIONS LIST PROHIBITIONS, THOUGH WE WILL OF COURSE BE GUIDED BY WASHINGTON VIEWS.

4. ALTHOUGH THE TURKISH REP HAS PRIVATELY INDICATED TO THE US REP THAT HIS AUTHORITIES DO NOT INTEND TO PRESS THE QUESTION, WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE WELL FOR US TO HAVE WASHINGTON GUIDANCE IN HAND BY THE INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE MEETING OF 1 JULY 1975. STREATOR

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